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SUBJ: W/W GEORGE WELLER

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1. SUMMARY: DESPITE PERSISTENT EFFORTS INCLUDING EMBOFF INQUIRIES IN PORT MORESBY DURING VISIT FEB 28 THRU MAR 1, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF GEORGE WELLER. AUSTRALIAN CONSULAR OFFICER IN PORT MORESBY HAS HOWEVER VOLUNTEERED TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR HIM SHOULD HE COME TO PORT MORESBY AND WILL PERIODICALLY CONTACT YULE ISLAND GUEST HOUSE WHERE HE IS SUPPOSED TO STAY. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING VISIT TO PORT MORESBY FEB 28 THRU MAR 1, EMBOFF VISITED YULE ISLAND GUEST HOUSE IN SEARCH OF GEORGE WELLER. HALF DOZEN PEOPLE AT GUEST HOUSE STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT SEEN MR. WELLER, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE HOLDING GOOD AMOUNT OF MAIL FOR HIM. EMBOFF LEFT NOTE FOR WELLER REQUESTING HIM TO CONTACT EMBASSY BY PHONE WHEN HE VISITS PORT MORESBY.

3. AT SAME TIME, EMBOFF CONTACTED AUSTRALIAN CONSULAR OFFICER IN PORT MORESBY WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING WELLER CASE. AUSTRALIAN CONSULAR OFFICER VOLUNTEERED TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR WELLER SHOULD HE APPEAR IN PORT MORESBY. SHE WILL
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PERIODICALLY CONTACT YULE ISLAND GUEST HOUSE IN HOPES OF

CATCHING HIM WHEN HE IS VISITING THERE.

4. AT SAME TIME, EMBOFF TELEPHONED HEADQUARTERS OF CATHOLIC MISSION ORGANIZATION LOCATED IN PORT MORESBY. YULE ISLAND GUEST HOUSE IS PART OF CATHOLIC MISSION ORGANIZATION. HEADQUARTERS OFFICE STATED THEY ALSO WILL BE ON LOOKOUT FOR WELLER AND WILL REQUEST HIM TO CONTACT EMBASSY WHEN AND IF HE APPEARS.

5. AT EMBOFFS REQUEST, AUSTRALIAN CONSULAR OFFICER FOUND OUT THAT FEB 18 LEGAL ACTION IN BUKA ON WELLERS BEHALF RESULTED IN ALTERATION OF CHARGE AGAINST HAHALIS SOCIETY MEMBER HABISIRIA FROM ASSAULT TO THREATENING BEHAVIOR. HABISIRIA WAS FINED DOLS 50 ON LATTER CHARGE. WELLER REPORTEDLY WAS NOT PRESENT IN BUKA ON FEB 18.

6. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, EMBASSY HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO FATHER LEMAY AT THE CATHOLIC MISSION IN BUKA ON FEB 4 REQUESTING HIS ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MR. WELLER. WE HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE TO THIS LETTER.

7. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND TALK DIRECTLY WITH MR. WELLER.
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